FACTSHEET #4
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remains the zine of crosscurrents and crosspollination despite its new look, and is brought to you by Mike Gunderloy, sometimes to be found at Superlative Manor (aka BBBTLE), 41 Lawrence St., Medford, MA, 02155; phone (617)-391-3496. This is Pretzel Press publication #368, and is itnended for direct mailing to lots of folks. Frequency: irregular. Press run: 150 copies. Begun 15 September 1982. 4th issue. All rites reversed.

If there is an "X" or other rude mark after your name on the envelope, you're not going to get the next issue unless you indicate some sort of interest.

The Second FF Contest is still open. To recap, what book is dedicated: "To Bob Geiger, for reasons that need not be explained here--and to Bob Dylan, for Mister Tambourine Man"? Prizes include a lifetime subscription to this rag, and other valuable considerationns to be announced at a future date.

Current plans for the Factsheet are to continue production on a roughly bimonthly basis at least through the early part of 1983. I'll continue to use offset unless I end up really broke. Contributions to defray costs will be greedily accepted. I'm also looking for people to write music and movie reviews, or whatever, to be published here. I'd also like to know about any off-the-wall publications that I should try to review here. In an issue or two, I'll probably be asking for, or demanding, stamps to cover postage costs for those still interested in my immoral words. Be warned.

I'm also considering making FACTSHEET #6--which ought to be out in January or so--a round-up issue of sorts, containing addresses for all those people I've discussed in previous issues. If you've stopped publishing and want to be left off this list, or if you put out something and want to be on, please let me know. If you're listed, I think you'll end up being known by about 200 extremely crazy people.

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"Looking forward to tapping into the network of tasteful freaks you correspond with"--Cardinal Feng

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SRAFederation Bulletin 75 (PO Box 21071, Washington, DC, 20009). As they say right on the cover, "We in the

SRAFederation are building mutual responsibilities toward one another on a basis of equality and voluntarism. All who join us in federation communicate to each other ideas, information, feelings, analysis, criticism and encouragement when we feel it will be of help to the widely scattered groups of anarchist agitators within which most of us work." In slightly less high-falutin' words, the Bulletin is sort of an anarchists' APA. The technical discussion can get a bit thick for the neophyte, and there are some bitter personal feuds, but if you're interested in finding out what activists around the country are up to, this is a great publication. Subscriptions are $6 for six issues; a buck and some kind words should get you more information and a sample issue.

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Update on ANOMIE (PO Box 40256, San Francisco, CA, 94140): The complete set of surreal anarcho-wacko posters is available for 54 cents postage, though they wouldn't mind a donation either.

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APA-H, the APa for Hoaxes and Humour has been taken over in a bloodless coup by Dick Smith, 710 South Scoville, Oak Park, IL, 60304. If this sounds interesting to you, then write to Dick, not to me!

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A response to the current contest: "It's either Spinrad or Ellison (some Sixties New Wave Standard), a book dedication, but I don't have my collection here either. No flowers, send my prize to the Task Force to Hassle the Alliance to Bother the Committee to Form a U.S.-Albania Friendship Association." Well, Bob, I'd be delighted to, but that's not the right answer. Better luck next time.

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CHATSFIC NEWS (c/o Bridgets, 44 Collegetown Estates, Cleveland, TN, 37311) is the clubzine of ChatSFiC ("Surprise, surprise, sur-prise"). It's just chock-full of gossip concerning people you've never heard of and will never met, with occasional news of note to Southern Fandom. Available for a friendly word, or darned near anything else.

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PHOTRON 17 ($1 from Allan Beatty, PO Box 1906, Ames, Iowa 50010) is one of a vanishing breed: the sercon fanzine. This issue contains articles about the fanzine Hugos, reviews of books and movies, talk of a fanzine index, discussions of sci-fi precursors, and more. A bit dry for my tastes, this may be for you if you take your reading seriously.

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Why is it that the bathroom light switch is inside the bathroom in the West and outside of the bathroom in the East?

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FREFANZINE 36, the apa for libertarians, has a new editor (Sean Haugh, 14 Edison Avenue, Medford, MA 02155). An APA, for those of you who don't know, is an Amateur Press Association--you send in (in this case) 35 copies of your own writing, and get back one copy of everybody's contributions.

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Prefanzine is specifically for people interested in libertarianism, anarchy and other nutty political systems, and could use a few new members, though the people already there are pretty interesting. Send Sean $1 for a sample copy--the next issue has an October 23 deadline.

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2NZ ROCK FANZINE ($1 from Crib Death Publications, PO Box 7156, Powderhorn Station, Minneapolis, MN, 55407-0156) is a punk rock reviewzine. The editors seem to be making an effort to review every new record and tape from punk groups that they can get their hands on, and do a good job. At least, I guess they do--I haven't heard any of the music they review. If you're into punk, this zine is a must. Buy one.

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FLAT EARTH NEWS (International Flat Earth Research Society, Box 2533, Lancaster, CA, 93539-2533) is even better than usual lately. The current issue, # 43/1, has such headlines as UNIVERSAL GRAVITATION--A HOAX and NASA SCIENTISTS TORTURES THOUSANDS TO DEATH (sic). From the latter article: "Man's best friend, a dog nailed to a board, strapped in a fiendish position, then at a certain time, his HEAD CUT OFF...to see how BLOOD RUSHES OUT...talke about bloody christians...Lutherans and Baptists...get their kicks just hearing about all THAT INNOCENT BLOODSHED!" The Society is not taking new members at the moment, but you can come over to my house and read my copies of the News if you want to.

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HOT ROD (Vol. 35 No. 9, Sept. '82): Are there any other car-oriented folks out there? This issue is notable for containing a spread on a dual-turbocharged, supercharged, nitrous-injected, rat-powered 1965 Nova. If that's all greek to you, let me assure you that it is one dangerous, beautiful piece of machinery. This car is enough to scare me, which takes quite a bit of horsepower. My own triple-carb Corvair-powered VW van should be tame compared to this beastie.

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Does anyone know if SOUTH OF THE MOON is still being published, and if so, by whom?

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LITTLE FREE PRESS (2621 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis, MN, 55407) has changed its address but not its philosophy: The Free System, which is supposed to end all the ills of humanity, or damned near. LFP #41 is a special double-sized issue, with 16 pages of ideas on how to get to the Priceless Society and how it would work. Interesting, and worth discussing, but I suspect the whole concept is ahead of its time. When there is matter transmutation and free energy to be had, it may well be possible to make all goods free to whoever wants them, but not before. Available for SASE.

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CIRCLE A IN ATLANTA (1261 LaVista Rd., NE, Apt. G-3, Atlanta, GA, 30324) contains some interesting insights into

the state of the anarchist movement in the south. It's a bit sad, at least to me, to note with what pride the authors speak of getting a hundred or so anarchists to the June 12 rally, and what a great feeling it was to be so powerful. Sounds like a drop in the bucket to me. On the other hand, it is nice to get mail from witty, intelligent, non-doctrinaire anarchists. I especially liked "Dirty Dog the Clown's Tips on Nuclear War" with such immortal advice as "Never use an elevator in a building that has been hit by a nuclear bomb, use the stairs." You might be able to get a copy of this for 40 cents postage. I don't know for sure.

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NEW CANADIAN FANDOM Vol. 1 #5 (PO Box 4655, PSSE, Edmonton, ALberta, CANADA T6E 5G5) is another of those sercon fanzines that still finds me every once in a while. Serious stuff on Bohunk and Canuck SF, fan humour, Taral on fanhistory, all the usual. If this is your bag, they do it well. Sample issue is free for the asking.

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"...All of a sudden a guy who called for a bloodbath on our campuses is supposed to be Dudley-goddamned-Doorisht?..."

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L5 NEWS August 1982 (1060 E. Elm, Tucson, AZ, 85719; subscriptions $12/yr) makes me wonder once again if these are really the people that I want to be the first into space? I suppose one could find the intense plug for a viable Space Political Action Committee to be innocuous, but a talk on space weapons being the "high point" of the Northeast Space Activists' Conference? As far as I can tell, moving nuclear weapons into space strikes at least some of these folks as a good thing, because it leads to spending on space vehicles. That's like saying more tanks are a good thing because we could use them as a substitute for the family car.

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SPARE CHANGE (Box 18441, Tampa, FL, 33679): "A Journal of Derelict Iconoclasm, Conspiracy, Speculation, Libertarian Viewpoints..." is, well, who knows? It's sort of immaterial what my copy contains because I strongly suspect that no two mailings from these conspirators are the same. Mind-blowing jungle-rot tailored to the individual reader. Send a buck and you might get illuminated.

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SIDNEY SUPPEY'S QUARTERLY AND CONFUSED PET MONTHLY (from Candi Strecker, 213 S. Grove #2, Oak Park, IL, 60302) seems to be a personal journal of observations on the inanities of the "real" world, though it's always dangerous to generalize about this sort of publication. Candi writes in a straightforward unpretentious style which is quite a relief after the self-indulgent, disjointed ramblings of many of the super-surrealistic bozos involved in small press publishing these days. Discussions of the Self-Amusing Personality, Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, and the SubGenii, among other things. Available for an SASE.

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